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ABDULAZIZ TO PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

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11. (SBU) On October 4, Ambassador Smith received the following letter addressed to President Barack Obama from Nawaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz.

BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

His Excellency The President Barack Obama President of The United States of America

His Excellency the President,

It is great honor to receive your Excellency's letter in which you expressed your utmost concern and support to the International Olympic Movement by establishing an office at the White House just for the Olympic Games and the Paralympics Games.

We are fully aware of the capabilities and excellence of the United States of America in organizing Olympic events. It was clearly observed while organizing the Olympic Games for the years 1932 and 1983 at Los Angles and in 1996 at Atlanta also, the Olympic Winter Games for the years 1923 and 1980 at Lake Placid, New York and in 1960 at Squaw Valley, California and in 2002 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Your Excellence,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere respect and gratitude for your Excellency and for the friendly people of the United States of America, hoping to have lots of success for the deep and consistent relations between our two countries, for which I am very much concerned to strengthen such relations at all aspects.

Looking forward to meet your Excellency in Copenhagen, in the meantime, I wish magnificent success for the city of Chicago to host the next Olympic Games 2016.

With my best greetings and gratitude.

Vice-President General of Youth Welfare Vice-Chairman of Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee Member of International Olympic Committee

Nawaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz

END TEXT OF LETTER

12. Embassy will pouch original signed letter under Registry number 6543007 to NEA/ARP Desk Officer.